

To FCC:

The proposed changes in the media ownership rules will further limit the options of the U.S. population, both in terms of information (including specifically sought-out information and that which people hear in the normal process of listening), and also more entertaining and relaxational content. Radio today is terrible, much worse than when I was younger -- most everybody agrees with that. News, especially international but also U.S., has also deteriorated badly.

If you want to contribute further to the dumbing-down of the U.S. population, and you may, then I'd say go ahead and pass your proposed ownership changes. But the result will be that the large majority of U.S. workers cannot perform as well as those of other wealthy countries, and ultimately you and your descendants will be hurt, as there will be less value produced here to "trickle up."

I know you have commissioned studies on the effects of the proposed changes. You well know that studies can easily be biased -- who is responsible for such bias can be ambiguous, but some of you may know the answer well.

Besides dumbing-down the population, do you want to open up the chasms between people -- in terms of attitudes and amounts of knowledge -- which have grown wider and wider already?

Please surprise the American people by being honest about this matter and dropping the proposed ownership rule changes.

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